



## Quinde Smith

April 5, 2014

### Obituary of Quinde Smith

Reverend Quinde Ernest Smith 61 of Leesburg went to be with the Lord Saturday, April 5, at his home. He was born in Deland but lived his whole life in Leesburg. He attended Leesburg schools, graduating in 1971. While in high school he was an active member of the band program. He played trumpet in concert band and French horn in marching band. His senior year he was the drum major.

Quinde earned an Associate's Degree in Engineering Design at LSCC. While still in high school he had started working in the glass and mirror business, Smitty's Glass with his dad. He continued that into adulthood. Later, he worked in the restaurant business as an assistant manager at Sambo's and Bonanza restaurants. He worked at Romac Lumber for a time in the 80's, working in the window department and later cabinet department. He struck out on his own from Romac to build and install custom cabinetry in the Isleworth section of Orlando. In 1993, Quinde started teaching cabinet building as a vocational teacher at Lake Correctional Institute in Clermont. He always considered it more than a job, more like a mission. He enjoyed his work there very much. He has taught at LCI now almost 20 years.

Quinde was a very spiritual man. He loved the Lord from an early age. He served the Lord as youth and music director at Main Street Baptist Church of Leesburg in his early adulthood. In 1983, Quinde was called to lead the music for a revival at First Southern Baptist Church in Lady Lake. He realized while there that God was calling him to remain as music director. Three years after that, God called him to be ordained as a minister of the gospel, following in the footsteps of his grandfather, Tom Newman of Seville, FL. Quinde has continued to serve at First Southern Baptist, a total of 31 years.

Quinde was predeceased by his father and mother, Herman E. Smith and Grace Gwendolyn Newman Smith. He leaves behind, his wife of almost 39 years, Wanda, his two brothers, Bruce of Marianna, FL, and Emory of Umatilla,

his daughter Alacia Smith of Leesburg, his son James Smith (Amanda) of Tavares, and his beautiful grandchildren Laiona Alyssa Sullivan of Leesburg, Dominik and Charles Smith of Tavares.

A memorial celebration of his life will be held Tuesday, April 8, 6 pm at First Southern Baptist Church 2933 Griffin View Drive, Lady Lake, FL, supper reception following at the church. For those who wish, memorials may be made to First Southern Baptist Church P.O. Box 185 Lady Lake, FL 32159.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Quinde Smith*

October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss Wanda. Although we never spent much time together, I love and respect both of you. You will be in my thoughts and prayers.*

**Shirley Clements** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *My deepest sympathy for the Smith family. Quinde was a fabulous person with a heart of gold. May his memory be eternal.*

**Maria Baird** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *I love you and so so sorry for your loss.*

**Josie Merritt** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Wanda and Family, so sorry to hear of Quinde's passing. Please know that my prayers and thoughts are with you. Sincerely, Teresa LHS 1975*

**Teresa Flowers Archer** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *RIP Mr. Smith, you will be missed dearly by your family, and friends.*

**Sonya gause** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ Wanda, I was shocked and saddened to hear about Quinde. It is sad for those left behind and I know the emptiness you must feel. Our only hope is that we will see him again. As we sang so many years ago in "His Generation" about Heaven being a wonderful place. It always seemed like a happy song to me as I never thought about the heartache for the ones that remain here. I am sure my Mom was on the welcoming committee. I will keep you in my prayers during these difficult days.

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**Carolyn Hamric Haber** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ I am so sorry for your loss. While it has been many years since I have seen Mr. Smith, my memories of him are good ones. I remember coming over in elementary school and he was always so nice and welcoming. My family is sending you all love and prayers. I know he is in heaven watching over you all.

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**Kari Hart** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ It's been a few years since I've seen you but we've been good friends for over half a century. This isn't good-bye but just 'see ya a little later 'ol pal. To Wanda, you know I've always treasured our memories made with you guys and always will. Hang in there Lady, God has a perfect plan, just trust it. Love ya'll, Bob

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**Bob Welch** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JE

*“ I am so sad about Quinde's passing, he was a wonderful man, father and husband. He was also a wonderful first cousin too. I will always remember growing up and going to Leasburg to visit with Quinde, Bruce and Emory. And when they would come and visit in Seville. It was a great time and memories that I cherish. So sad to have to say good by, but what a homecoming he is having with those who have already gone ahead. God bless this family as they grieve.*

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**Janice Ethridge** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SI

*“ My thoughts and prayers are with the family as well as the Lake C.I. staff. Mr. Smith was an awesome man with a huge heart. He will be missed by so many. Praying for you, The Hutto Family*

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**Sgt. V. Hutto, Lake C. I.** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

ST

*“ We are so sorry for your lose.*

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**Shirley Works, Phil Tarver** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LL

*“ It's with deep saddness that Quinde was called home at such a young age. We all our sending our prayers and love to the entire family. Know you are all in our thoughts during this time. Love always, Aunt Lisa, Ashten, Camren & Michael Larensen*

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**Lisa Spires Larensen** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SB

*“ We are very sorry to hear of cousin Quinde's passing. All of you are in our thoughts and prayers. God Bless!*

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**Stan and Tracy Newman and boys** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ My heartfelt prayers to Wanda, Alacia & the rest of the family. Quinde was one of the best. I'm proud to have known him. I'm sure the angels' trumpets were playing beautifully to announce his arrival in heaven. Karen & Dave Davis

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**Karen Groover Davis** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ I worked with Quinde for many years and is a fantastic person. We worked on many projects together designing the arsenal and key & lock shop. My deepest sympathy to his family. It was an honor to know him.

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**Lt. Wayne Lyles (retired)** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Wanda I am so sorry for your loss. No words can express the sorrow I feel at the loss of Quinde. He was such a great man. Please know that you and your family will be in our prayers.

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**Sandra (Griner) McCoy** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Wanda Joy, We are so sorry for your loss. please let your family know that ya'll are in our prayers. Quinde and the Lord are watching out over you and your family. Let me know if there is anything I can do for you. Love.

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**Tom & Shelley & family** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ It is with the greatest of sympathy that I send you my condolences on the loss of this beautiful human being from your life. He has touched so many. He definitely was a man of God in all he did and said. His sense of humor was greatly appreciated. His dedication to his career - this wasn't a job - will be missed. There are not enough words to tell you how sorry I am, what a great man he was, and how much he will be missed. God bless you.

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**Sharon Wedel** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ Wanda, I'm so sorry to hear that Quinde passed away. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Love, Charles

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**Charles Counselman** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ He will truly be missed. I worked with him often at Lake he was great man with a very given heart. My thoughts and prayers are with your family as you celebrate his life.

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**Lisa Bauer (Sgt retired Lake C.I)** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KK

“ It made me so very sad to hear of Quinde's untimely passing. He was way too young and I feel so sorry for you and your family. God must have had other plans for him. I have such fond memories of him from high school. He was a sweet and wonderful man and will be greatly missed.

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**Kathi McCord Kretzer** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ Quinde was a one-of-a-kind individual. I worked beside him the last 18 months and there was never a dull moment. He literally helped change my opinion about human nature. Quinde was a good, decent man who adored his family. He told me many stories about his family...from his grandparents to his grandchildren. Saying that he will be missed is an understatement. I am grateful for the opportunity to have known him, and his memory and spirit will be everlasting.

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**Juan Dixon** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“ We sorrow not as those who have no hope, but we look forward to the happiest of times, when we shall again meet with our brother around the throne of Glory, and know then, there shall be no more parting. Wanda, as you very well know, God is too wise to make a mistake and too just to do wrong. I pray therefore, that you and your entire family and circle friends will accept God's most perfect will, in His calling home of Quinde, our brother in Christ. May the indwelling Holy Spirit provide you with the comfort promised by Jesus Himself, at this your time of loss. Please know that I care, as do your Leesburg High School Class of 1971 classmates.

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**Dale Hawkins Jacobs** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ I've worked with Quinde for over 9 years. He is a very good person and I thank him for everything he has done for me. For all the talks we had and how he taught me the best way to smoke chicken. He will be missed.

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**Sgt. Ryan L'Estrange, Lake CI** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ So sorry for your loss Wanda.

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**Jim Carruthers** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ Wanda, I am so sorry to hear of your husbands passing. I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers. Kelly

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**Kelly Bahr** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AJ

“ My deepest sympathies during this time of loss. Mr. Smith was a true Servant Leader. I want to say thank you to the family for allowing the Department of Corrections to be blessed with all the many gifts, talents, wisdom that he selflessly share with everyone he came in contact with. I worked with him for almost three years at Lake CI and he was the go to person if ever there was a need. He did it no questions asked and never complained. There is no way he will ever be replaced. Please know that you all are in my thoughts and prayers. Please be reminded he is home with the Lord and looking down on us. Humbly submitted, Paulette Julien

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**Assistant Warden Paulette Julien** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Wanda our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

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**Richard and Pat Stanton** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ Wanda, my thoughts and prayers go out to you and your whole family. Quinde was special person that I am fortunate to have known and called a friend. He will be missed Bert

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**Bert Hogan** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Wanda and family; as you learn to live without the presence of your dear Quinde, know He is rejoicing and singing in the heavenly choir...His work here is done and He now has a forever home, He is fine. It is you who suffer, through Jesus, may peace come over you and heal your pain and sorrow. Love & Hugs....Always...

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**Marorie McDonald** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ Wanda, I will always remember Quinde at the soccer games, I think the trumpet helped us to win. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

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**Bessie Smith Rawls** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ Wanda, I am so sorry for your loss. Quince will be missed by many. He was a great guy. You and yours are in my thoughts.....

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**Tim Sennett** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ I am truly sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

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**Stefanie Pettit** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ With sadness in our hearts we say farewell to our friend, Quinde. He touched the lives of all he came in contact with and will be greatly missed. Always willing to help or offer a smile and a wave when someone was in need. Mr. Smith was an example of a great man at all times.

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**Troy Hawkins & Deeann Hensley** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RK

“ *John 16:22 So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.*

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**Randall Kelley** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

OJ

“ *I've know Mr.Smith for almost 4yrs working at Lake and he was one of the nicest guys there. I've needed his help and advice the past 2 months painting the institution and he was a plethora of knowlege. We talked often about work and life and I will truly miss our conversations. My prayers to your family for losing such an amazing guy.*

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**Officer J.Hill** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ *Have known Mr. Q. Smith for my18 Years at LCI and he always had a Smile on his face and a Big Hello no matter what was going on with him. My prayers and condolences go out his Family. Me and My Family are Praying for Your Family. You will be Truely Missed.*

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**Sgt. E. Mitchell ,Lake Correctional** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AP

“ *Deepest sympathy to the family of this wonderful man. I worked with him at LCI and enjoyed every minute. He gave me a new was to look at things often. He will be missed and never forgotten.*

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**Ashley Parker** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TE

“ *Wanda and family: Please accept our most sincere condolences for the sudden loss of Quinde. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Marg and Tom*

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**Tom and Marg Eicher** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ I am deeply saddened & so sorry for your loss as my heart and prayers are with the entire Smith Family. I've had the pleasure of working with Mr. Smith just a few weeks shy of eleven years at Lake C.I and he was truly a ray of light and very dedicated to all. He was always pleasant, humble and full of sincere Godly love. It is and was a true blessing to have met such a wonderful and sincere person who actually loved how God wants us all to love. Mr. Smith was and is a true angel. Always smiling, never complaining and possessing the most beautiful spirit. To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. May God comfort you all and give you all strength during this difficult time of loss. God bless.

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**C.O M. Harris (Mincy) Lake C.I** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AR

“ We had fun in band together. The pranks we pulled on Mr. Caudill. I enjoyed Main Street Baptist Church and the camping trips. See ya again Q.

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**Andy Rakestraw** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ Wanda,I am so sad and hurt for you my dear but we know Quinde is with our Lord.And the Holy Spirit promises his comfort.Your in my thoughts and prayers and I love you,I will get in touch soon,Linda

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**Linda Griner** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ During this difficult time we pray that God may continue to carry you, comfort you and be gracious to you. We love you and will continue to be prayerful for you. Deeply sorry and sadden for your loss, our condolences.

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**Stephen/Regina & Family** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Wanda, it's been a "few" years (has it really been around 30?!?) since I worked with Quinde at Ro-Mac. He was one of those people whom, if you're very lucky, enter your life & leave a permanent memory. Anyone who ever met Quinde left being a better person. His love of God, you & the kids, his church & life in general was inspirational! He taught me many work related skills, but it was his amazing personality, work ethic, morality & sense of humor that were imbedded in my soul. To this day I laugh every time Def Leppards "Rock of Ages" comes on. He nailed "Gunter Glieben Glausen Globen" back when nobody knew what they were saying! And I still, to this day, use "oh be kay be" that I "borrowed" from his list of expressions. I live in Lady Lake now & looked you guys up, called once but didn't leave a message. I just can't believe this wonderful man is gone. It just shows you we don't know when God will call us home so don't hesitate to reconnect with someone you've lost contact with. Every time I listen to Mercy Me "I Can Only Imagine" I think of my precious Brooke who joined God 7 years ago. Now I'll think of seeing Quinde there, too. Please know you're in my thoughts and prayers. Debbie

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**Debbie Spencer** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ The world has lost a kind and giving soul who will be missed by so many. I know Quinde is in heaven finding someone or something to help take care of. God bless the Smith family during this difficult time.

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**Cathy Pearce** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ To the Smith Family: I was sorry to hear my friend had passed, he truly was a gracious and kind man. I will miss him and think of him often.

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**Lloyd Garner** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SI

“ My prayer's and comfort to the Family and may God be with you!  
Having been a part of the LCI Family, Quinde left a mark on all who  
knew him and I count it an Honor to have known him! Be Blessed!

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**Sherwyn Isom** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ Quinde Ernest Smith was the first grandchild in the Newman family  
and how we all looked forward to his birth and his first visit to our  
town of Seville.And from then to now-we looked forward to his every  
visit to see us -watching him grow and then start his own family with  
his love Wanda, We were always so proud of him and all he  
accomplished in his life overcoming many obstacles from the death  
of his mother at an early age all the way to overcoming that last  
stroke and going back to work..His love for the Lord -his church-and  
his family-he reminded us so much of his Grandpa Newman in all  
these things along with that sense of humor .We are so going to  
miss him-but look forward to seeing him and all our family again in  
Heaven. He will always live in our memory and especially in our  
hearts. We loved you so much Quinde !

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**Aunt Betty and Uncle Roy and Family** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KL

“ I will miss Quinde dearly. I worked with him and he was a wonderful  
man. Wanda, my thoughts and prayers go out to you and your  
family. If you need anything let me know. Mark and Kelcie Losh

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**Kelcie Losh** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

GB

“ Our deepest sympathy to your family. He was a wonderful man, and  
a dear friend. He will be extremely missed.

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**Gregory and Melissa Bradway** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ You will be greatly missed Mr. Smith.

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**Captain E. Wright** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Getting to know people over the course of time in a small business setting is truly its own reward. You are uniquely positioned, and greatly blessed, when you get to know people like Quinde. He was a supremely kind man and I am grateful that I had the privilege of calling him a friend. God bless the Smith family.

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**mark crawford** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TA

“ My Husband and I have Known Mr. Smith for 10 and more years now... Smith was a wonderful Man. He was always smiling and joking with us and very helpful all the time.. We will truly miss you Quinde.. It wont be the same, a Great man has moved on to do bigger and better things ... Dear Lord I know you will take care of Quinde for us, let him know we luv him and will miss him. May you ease his families hearts at this time.

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**The Ackerman's** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ My condolences to the family. Mr. Smith was very nice man. My prayers be with your family.

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**Regina Wright-Vieux** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Wanda, My sincere condolences to you and your family. Quinde' was one of my best friends in grade and high school. I am glad that I had the opportunity to know him. God has a bigger plan for his stewards than we can possibly comprehend and I believe he is in a better place now and we will rejoice with him later. May God Bless You, Wayne

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**J. Wayne Fletcher** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ Although I did not know Mr. Smith, I had Ms. Smith as an Algebra teacher in Middle School. My condolences to you and your family. You are all in my prayers.

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**Jessica McDaniel Arp** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ Wanda, Alacia, and James...There are no words to express my feelings of sympathy for you all at this time. I am so sorry that I was unable to travel to Florida, but it was not for lack of trying. Please know that if there is anything that I can do for you, please contact me. Wanda...I am so, so very sorry!! Your lifelong friend...Mike Kimbrel

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**Mike Kimbrel** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Wanda, I am so sorry to hear this. You and your family are in my prayers.

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**Sharon Marshall** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ I remember when Quinde first came on board at Lake. He was an immediate standout. In two weeks, it seemed as though he had always been there. I told people that I wished we had 10 more like him. Quinde was a big guy, but his whole was dwarfed by the size of his heart. It was as big as a barn. Quinde became a true friend. I will always remember him with great affection.

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**David Baker, retired Lake C.I.** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

GM

“ Wanda and Family... all of our love and prayers are with you. Quinde was one of the finest men and his footsteps were guided by the Lord while he walked his journey here on earth. His Memorial service was one of the most uplifting moments I have experienced.... truly a celebration of Quinde's life. You and your family are much loved. Gary and Cindi McClain, Linville Falls, NC

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**Gary and Cindi McClain** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM